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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicates that claims 59-65, 76, 79, 117 and 118 contain allowable subject. In order to expedite allowance of the allowable subject matter, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claims 58 and 59 into claim 49, the subject matter of claim 67 and 76 into claim 66, the subject matter of claim 79 into claim 77, and the subject matter of claim 117 into claim 115. The allowable claim 118 has been rewritten in independent claim form. Claims 80-114 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file a Continuation Application to pursue prosecution of these and other claims since Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's anticipation rejection based upon U.S. Patent No. 5,684,791.

This application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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